

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Exchange of notes at Quito January 22, 1945

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES

The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Quito, January 22, 1945

No. 18

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to previous conversations between myself and Mr. Kenneth Holland, President of the Inter-American Educational Foundation, Inc., the Minister of Public Education and other officials of the Government of Ecuador, concerning the possibility of a cooperative program of education in Ecuador.

I have the honor to inform your Excellency that pursuant to Resolution No. 28 of the First Conference of Ministers and Directors of Education of the American Republics, and pursuant to the expressed desire of the Government of the Republic of Ecuador, the Government of the United States is prepared to undertake a cooperative program of education with the Government of Ecuador, for the purpose of bringing about a better interchange of educational ideas and methods between the two countries.

I have the honor to state that my Government, acting through the Inter-American Educational Foundation, Inc., a corporation of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, is prepared to make available for such a cooperative program of education the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00 U.S.) at an agreed minimum rate of exchange, on the understanding that the Government of Ecuador for its part will contribute the sum of Six Hundred Seventy Thousand Sucres (S/670.000,00), being the equivalent of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00 U.S.) at the same rate of exchange, as well as such personnel, supplies and materials as it may see fit to provide within Ecuador.

¹ TIAS 1749, *post*, p. 430.

It is proposed that the program be carried on for approximately three years, in accordance with the following general plan.

At the request of Your Excellency's Government and within the limit of the funds set aside for the purpose, the Foundation will send to Ecuador such educational specialists as may be considered necessary in order to collaborate with your Excellency's Government in the cooperative program, and they shall be acceptable to the Ecuadoran Government. This group shall be under the direction of an official who will be designated as the Special Representative of the Inter-American Educational Foundation, Inc., and will be the representative of the Foundation in Ecuador in connection with this program.

The specific projects and activities to be undertaken and the allocation of program funds therefor, and the methods and procedures and administrative practices to be employed in conducting the program, will be mutually agreed upon by the Minister of Education of the Government of Ecuador and the Special Representative of the Foundation. Such projects will include the sending of Ecuadoran specialists in education to the United States.

It is proposed that the program be carried out through an appropriate organization, section or procedures to be established within the Ministry of Education itself with administrative autonomy and that the said Special Representative shall also be named as the Director of such organization or section and shall administer the program.

Of the funds made available by the United States Government, Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00 U.S.) will be set aside and used for paying the salaries and other expenses of the educational specialists furnished by the Foundation, and the balance, together with the funds contributed by the Government of Ecuador, would be made available in Ecuador for the projects and activities mutually agreed upon for the program.

All property purchased with the funds made available in accordance with this proposal will become the property of the Government of Ecuador and shall be used for the cooperative program of education.

Inasmuch as the specialists to be sent to Ecuador by the Foundation will be United States citizens and employees of the United States Government and also non-residents of Ecuador, it is suggested that they shall be exempt from all income taxes and social security taxes with respect to income on which they are obliged to pay income or social security taxes to the Government of the United States of America, and from payment of customs and import duties and other taxes on their personal effects and equipment and supplies for their own use, and from investment and deposit requirements and other foreign exchange controls on funds brought into Ecuador for their normal living expenses.

I should be glad if your Excellency would be so good as to confirm to me your approval of this general proposal, with the understanding that the details for the establishment and organization of the proposed cooperative

program shall be further discussed and settled by written agreement between the Foundation and the Minister of Education.²

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

R. M. SCOTTEN

His Excellency

Señor Doctor CAMILO PONCE ENRÍQUEZ,
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Quito.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS
28-DDP-5

QUITO, January 22, 1945

Mr. AMBASSADOR:

I have the honor to reply to Your Excellency's courteous note number 18 of the 22d of the current month, in which, with reference to the conversations held with the Minister of Public Education and Mr. Kenneth Holland, President of the "Inter-American Educational Foundation, Inc." and other officials of the Government of Ecuador concerning the possibility of undertaking a cooperative program of education, you inform me that the United States Government is prepared to comply with the Ecuadoran Government's desire to carry out that project which assuredly would serve to stimulate the exchange of educational ideas and methods between the two countries.

2. Your Excellency informs me that the United States Government, acting through the "Inter-American Educational Foundation, Inc." will cooperate in the said educational program by making available the sum of \$100,000 at a minimum rate of exchange—provided that the Government of Ecuador for its part allocates for that purpose an amount equivalent to \$50,000 at the same rate of exchange—as well as such personnel and other essentials as it may consider necessary to provide.

3. Your Excellency states that the United States Government acting through the Foundation, will send such specialists as may be necessary to collaborate with the Ecuadoran personnel. The specialized personnel is to be under the direction of a North American official who will be the special representative of the Foundation.

² For contract signed Jan. 22, 1945, by the President of the Inter-American Educational Foundation, Inc. and the Ecuadorean Minister of Public Education, see 61 Stat. 3261 or p. 7 of TIAS 1660.

4. You indicate that, in accordance with the decisions made in agreement with the Minister of Education, the projects and activities to be undertaken, as well as the other details related to the development of the cooperative educational program, must be duly carried out by mutual agreement between the Ecuadoran officials and the North American specialists.

5. In the name of the Ecuadoran Government, I wish to express to Your Excellency the satisfaction with which the intention of the North American Government to cooperate in this country's educational endeavors is regarded, and I thank Your Excellency for the timely and effective steps taken to bring to fruition that aspiration on the part of Ecuador.

6. The Ministry of Education will, in due time, proceed to establish the Organization with administrative autonomy which, within the framework of the Agreement, will take charge of the scientific and effective development of the program agreed upon.

7. For my part, in giving my approval to the general basis on which the Cooperative Educational Agreement is to be effected, I must inform Your Excellency that I will not fail to make every possible effort tending toward the success of the program, and to the end that this test of cooperation may become a new factor for a better understanding between our two countries.

8. With respect to the possibility that certain privileges and exemptions specified in the note to which I am replying may be granted to North American officials, I do not believe it possible to make a definite statement at this time; for a careful study of Ecuadoran legislation will have to be made in order to determine how to reconcile the granting of such privileges with the pertinent legal provisions.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

C. PONCE ENRÍQUEZ

His Excellency

Mr. ROBERT MCGREGOR SCOTTEN

*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America.*